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1. SUMMARY. HIGHLIGHTS OF 5-DAY SESSION INCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF (A) FOLLOW-UP OF CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) IN FORMULATING LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM IN AREA OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, (B) PARTICIPATION OF ECE SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN PRPARATORY STAGE OF UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT, (C) FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM IN MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT ENTERPRISE LEVEL, AND (D) MODEST ECE PROGRAM CONCERNED WITH INNOVATIONS IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. MOST MEMBER COUNTRY REPS (NOT US) WERE RLUCTANT TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AT THIS STAGE TO CSCE FOLLOW-UP AND PREPARATIONS FOR UN CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRAM OF WORK - CSCE FOLLOW UP.

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(A) OPENING SESSION, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HIGHLIGHTED FINAL ACT OF CSCE AS POWERFUL IMPULSE FOR FURTHER COOPERATION WITHIN ECE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT WORK PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSION. HE URGED SENIOR ADVISERS (S.A.) FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO PREPARE LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FINAL ACT.

(B) EASTERN COUNTRIES (EXCEPT ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA) LED BY USSR NOTED IT TOO SOON TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC ECE FOLLOW-UP OF CSCE ACTIVITIES AND PROPOSED NO SUGGESTIONS OF WHEN THIS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. BOTH ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO PROMPT ECE FOLLOW-UP OF CSCE FINAL ACT. US STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH IT NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE TO AGREE ON SPECIFIC ECE PROJECTS, IT IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS AT EARLY DATE INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO S.A.

(C) FINAL TEDIOUS S.A. SESSION REACHED AGREEMENT ON LONG-TERM PROGRAM CONSISTING OF (1) EXCHANGE OF INFO AND EXPERIENCE ON S AND T POLICIES (REVIEW OF CHANGES IN POLICIES, PRIORITIES, INSTITUTIONS); S&T STATISTICS; TCH FORECASING (ASSESSMENT); (2) INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON S&T (COOPERATIVE RESEARCH, ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER); AND (3) OTHER COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES (GENERAL REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ECE BODIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS), AND PARTICULARLY PREPARATION OF UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT.

(D) SHORT-TERM PROGRAM (FOR NEXT YEAR) NOTED UNDER FOLLOWING ITEMS.

3. UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

(A) UN OST RP EINHAUS REVIEWED PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE, NOTED RECENT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION APPROVAL OF 1978 OR 1979 CONFERENCE, STRESSED SPECIAL ROLE OF ECE ADVANCED COUNTRY PARTICIPATION THROUGH PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION OF REGIONAL UN ORGANIZATIONS.

(B) US DEL LED OFF DISCUSSION BY NOTING US STATEMENTS AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION AND COMMITMENT TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE (PARA 8 OF REFTEL B), RECOMMENDING ECE MOVE PROMPTLY AS SOON AS APPROPRIATE.
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ATE BY CALLING MEETING OF RAPORTEURS TO PREPARE ECE CONTRIBUTION, SUGGESTED POSSIBLE ACTIVITY OF REVIEW OF ECE MEMBER GOVERNMENT POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PLANS TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN S&T AREA PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES FOR EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT APPLICATION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE.

(C) US PROPOSAL STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY NETHERLANDS ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. OTHER EASTERN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY USSR, STRESSED

NEED TO PUT UN CONFERENCE PREPARATION INTO LONG-TERM PROGRAM, PUT OFF ANY FOLLOW-UP CONSIDERATION UNTIL NEXT (JUNE 1976) S.A. MEETING. OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES PAID LIP SERVICE TO ECE FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITIES; PUT OFF CONSIDERATION UNTIL NEXT SESSION.

(D) FOLLOWING EXPRESSION OF US DISAPPOINTMENT IN S.A. STATEMENTS, AGREEMENT REACHED THAT SECRETARIAT PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS IN PREPARATORY PROCESS OF CONFERENCE FOR CONSIDERATION AT JUNE 1976 SESSION. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON SUCH ACTIONS TO SECRETARIAT BY JANUARY 1976.

4. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (T.T.)

(A) S.A. DISCUSSED IN FAVORABLE TERMS THE OVERALL T.T. PROGRAM AND EXAMINED THE REPORT OF JULY 1975 SEMINAR IN GENEVA AND SECRETARIAT NOTE ENTITLED "TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: RESULTS OF JULY SEMINAR AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES." US DELEGATE GAVE EXTENSIVE EXPOSITION OF US EXPERIENCE, VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHORT AND LONG-RANGE WORK PROGRAMS.

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(B) THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT TRAINING PROGRAM ON T.T. NOT BE RECOMMENDED DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN DESIGN OF SUCH INSTRUCTION.

(C) MANY DELEGATIONS ENDORSED USE OF STRUCTURED CASE STUDIES AS DATA BASE FROM WHICH ANALYTICAL AND INTERPRITIVE ACTIVITY MIGHT DRAW CONCLUSIONS OF BROAD COMMON INTEREST.

(D) IT WAS AGREED THAT S.A., IN COOPERATION WITH THECOMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, SHOULD SPONSOR THE PREPARATION OF MANUAL ON LICENSING PROCEDURES AND RELATED ASPECTS OF T.T.

(E) IT WAS AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PUBLISH EDITED PROCEEDINGS OF JULY 1975 SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT OF T.T. WITHIN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AND ECONOMICALLY AS POSSIBLE.

(F) S.A. AGREED TO CONVENE AN AD-HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS TO RECOMMEND WHAT FURTHER ACTIVITIES S.A. SHOULD UNDERTAKE IN AREA OF T.T. US DEL PROVIDED DRAFT WORK PROGRAM PROPOSAL IN T.T. AREA WITH BOTH SHORT-RANGE AND LONG-RANGE SUGGESTIONS, THE LATTER UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR CONSIDERATION BY GROUP OF EXPERTS TO BE NOMINATED BY INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

(G) PROVISIONAL LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES (1976-1980) CONTAINS GENERAL STATEMENT ON T.T. WHICH IS BROAD ENOUGH TO COMPRISE US PROPOSALS.

5. ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES.

(A) SENIOR ADVISERS AGREED ON AGENDA FOR APRIL 20-22, 1976 VARNA, BULGARIA SEMINAR ON UTILIZATION OF LOW CALORIE FUELS, APRIL 23 MEETING OF EXPERTS ON COOPERATION IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, FOLLOWED BY 2 DAY STUDY TOUR ARRANGED BY BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES. US SHOULD PROVIDE SECRETARIAT WITH NAMES OF US PARTICIPANTS ASAP AND CONTRIBUTE PAPERS BY END OF YEAR.

(B) ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK STUDY OUTLINE, SC-TECH/R30, WAS APPROVED WITH PLAN FOR CONSIDERING COMPLETED DRAFT AT APRIL 23 VARNA MEETING. US DEL AGREED TO REQUEST US AUTHORITIES NAME RAPORTEUR TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO SECRETARIAT ON STUDY.

(C) SENIOR ADVISERS GAVE MINIMUM SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TO OVERALL EXSEC STUDY E/ECE/883, POSTPONED DETAILED EXAMINATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS UNTIL APRIL 23 VARNA MEETING IN SPITE OF US URGING THAT AD HOC MEETING OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE REPORT BE HELD ASAP SINCE VALUABLE REPORT WAS GETTING OUT OF DATE. S.A. ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAT WITH WRITTEN COMMENTS ON REPORT ASAP.

(D) OUTLINE OF STUDY ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION WAS APPROVED WITH PLAN TO REVIEW STUDY AND NOMINATE RAPPORTEURS AT NEXT S.A. SESSION. US STRESSED NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISERS TO PLAY LEAD ROLE AND OUTLINED KEY POINTS PROVIDED BY US ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER IN US POSITION (REFTEL B).

6. INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. SECRETARIAT TREATMENT(SC/TECH/R31 AND SC/TECH/R32) OF THIS USSR PROPOSED PRIORITY AREA IN ECE WORK PROGRAM RECEIVED MODEST SUPPORT WITH MANY RESERVATIONS ON APPROACH AND BALANCE TO STUDY. US NOTED APPROACH INADEQUATE DUE TO LACK OF ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND THAT FUTURE WORK SHOULD BE GUIDED BY AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS TO BE NOMINATED AT NEXT SA SESSION. THIS WAS AGREED
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WITH PROVISIO THAT AFORESAID DOCUMENTS WOULD BE GIVEN FURTHER DISCUSSION AT JUNE 1976 MEETING ALONG WITH REVIEW OF SECRETARIAT SUMMARY OF RELATED WORK OF OTHER ECE BODIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

7. OTHER ITEMS.

(A) COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH. S.A. AGREED ON STUDY BASED ON ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK (SC/TECH/R28), AND NOMINATION OF NATIONAL RAPPORTEURS TO PROVIDE LIAISON WITH ECE SECRETARIAT.

(B) S&T POLICIES. S.A. AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD PROVIDE ANNUAL REVIEW OF S&T AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ECE COUNTRIES; AND PREPARE REVIEW OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN POLICIES, PRIORITIES, INSTITUTIONS EVERY 2 TO 3 YEARS.

(C) STATISTICS. SECRETARIAT PAPER SC/TECH/R27 TO BE REVISED TO FOCUS MORE NARROWLY ON METHODOLOGICAL CONCEPTUAL ISSUES CONCERNING TECHNOLOGY FLOWS FOR CONSIDERATION AT JANUARY 1976 PRAGUE SEMINAR.

(D) STINFO. FUTURE EFFORTS TO BE LIMITED TO REVIEW OF WORK OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN NATIONAL POLICIES PERTAINING TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS AT ANNUAL S.A. MEETINGS.

8. CORTELLESSA (ITALY) RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN. MAROURINE (USSR) ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN IN ABSENCE OF REGULAR USSR REP ANNANICHEV WHO WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN AT PREVIOUS SESSION. US REPRESENTED BY LEO PACKER, OES/STATE ASSISTED BY TOM JONES, NSF, AND PHILIP HMILY, OES/STATE.DAL

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